Involvement of foreign diplomats in smuggling activities

3512. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi) of the 25th December, 1988 under the caption 'Caution urged in duty exemption to envoys' wherein it was stated that several diplomats belonging to foreign countries based in Delhi are involved in smuggling activities;

(b) if so, what are the details of the diplomats found involved in smuggling activities; and

(c) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There have been only a few cases where discrepancies were noticed in the items declard and the items actually imported by diplomats. In such cases, stern action including confiscation of contraband goods and asking the offending diplomat to leave the country has been taken. The details of the diplomats against whom such action has been taken during 1988 are given below:

S. No.	Date and Place of seizure	Name of the diplomat and Embassy	Action taken
1.	17-2-1988, Terminal-II Cargo Complex, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.	Mr. Sameuddin, First Secretary, Embassy of Afghanistan.	The Mission was asked to withdraw the diplomat.
2.	30-9-1988, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.	Mr. Ibrahim O. Hamed, Attache Embassy of Iraq, New Delhi.	Has left India.
3.	30-9-1988, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.	Mr. Mohammad A. Attaallah, Attache Embassy of Iraq, New Delhi.	Has left India.
4.	18-11-1988, 201, Sainik Forms, New Delhi.	Mr. Rudolf F. Kolaco, Ambassador of Liberia, New Delhi.	He is understood to be out of India. Liberian Government has assured that he will be recalled.
5.	20-12-1988, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.	Mr. George P. Masah, Second Secretary, Embassy of Liberia, New Delhi.	Has left India.

Bank advances to subscribe to right issues

3513. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercial banks have initiated any scheme to give advances to investors wishing to subscribe to right issues; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of ndia have reported that while instructions have been issued